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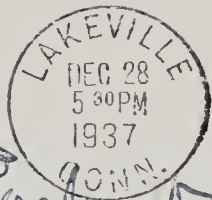
Dec 29, 37

My dear Tom,

I do thoroughly appreciate your Christmas message
and wish you every blessing from God in the New Year.
We are making our home here now but it is hard to get
time enough here to spend at home - just as it has always
been. But life is life and I must be life wherever I spend.

Ever affectionately,

Robert Allen



Mr. W. B. Ferby, Sr.

State Armories

36th & Chestnut St.,

Philadelphia Pa

Hon. You dinner

Inspector
(Mr. Speer. Investigator of the Way.)

Ten thousand waters a thousand mountains, your body travels the
land of China,

Earnest heart to save the world, your teaching knowing the

Chinese banner
(*as above*)

True God.

(The entire body of the Hwaiyuan Presbyterian Church respect-
fully presents)

In His name. Rev. Mr. ...

ROCKLEDGE
LAKEVILLE CONNECTICUT

March 6, 1944

My dear Tom,

I am very much obliged to you for sending me word of Thomas Fisher's death. He was the last of my boyhood companions and was ever your friend as through the years. His sister is still living in Stamford and will write to her as well.

It was good to hear from you. I trust to you as well and happy in your work. I was speaking at Exeter a few days ago, but for from you.

Let me say very briefly in our home here. The
only thing is first that I have to be away
so much and second that tennis flies so fast.

Ever affectionately

Robert Owen

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June 2nd, 1908.

Mr. M.B. Gurley,
% Rustic Lodge,
Coreys, The Adirondacks,
New York.

My dear Tom:

On getting to my office this morning I found your note of last Thursday, and getting home late last night, I learned of your call in the afternoon. I am sorry I was not at home, but I am glad that you saw Mrs. Speer. It was a lovely day to be out in the country, and I repined not a little at having to go over to Brooklyn for meetings morning, afternoon and evening.

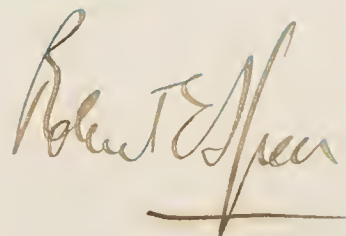
Mrs. Speer told me of your account of your first preaching experience at Richmond. It must have been an interesting time. I can imagine, however, apart from all the amusing circumstances which you recounted, how real and deep was the joy of speaking out your message.

I have been reading, recently, some good missionary biographies and have gotten a wonderful stimulus and uplift from them. If you hav'n't been reading many biographies recently, I believe you would do well to read a half dozen or more of the best ones this Summer. The ones that I have been reading recently are:

Young's "Life of Coleridge Patteson."
Whipple's "Lights and Shadows of a Long Episcopate."
Talbot's "Life of F.C. Armstrong."
Blaikie's "Personal Life of David Livingstone."

I hope you may have a good time this Summer. It will be good to hear from you whenever you want to write.

Your sincere friend,



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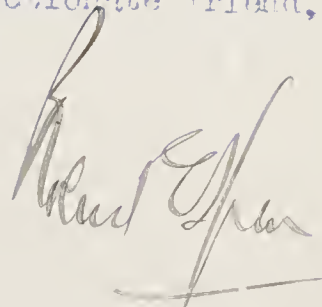
The Rev. M.B. Gurley,
First Presbyterian Church,
Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Tom:

I appreciate very much your note of February 17th, and thank you heartily for the spirit which it breathes. The loss of which you speak in it, however, was a loss which came to us six years ago. I do not know who could have spoken to you of it under the impression that it was a recent sorrow, altho, indeed, I think every such sorrow will be a recent one, the sense of loss abiding and growing keener and not duller with the years, altho the peace and quietness of accepting each such experience as the best will of God must grow richer with every passing year.

I do thank you for the words of sympathy and affection, and pray that God may bless you richly in all your work always.

Ever your affectionate friend,



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NEW YORK December 23rd, 1915.

The Rev. M. B. Gurley,
First Presbyterian Church,
Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Tom;

It is good to be home again and to get your beautiful little card with its Christmas greetings.

I was over in Pottstown last Sunday staying with my brother-in-law and his wife and they were full of friendly and appreciative words about you and were rejoicing in all that they heard of your good work in Germantown. I trust that you are altogether happy in it and that every day the joy and peace of Christ more completely fill your heart.

James B. Gurley

We had a wonderful trip in the Far East but are happy to be home and at work again, although oftentimes our hearts turn back to some of the mission stations where we have been and I long to lay this work down and go out to that.

sent

With warm regard and best wishes for the Holidays and the New Year,

Your sincere friend,

Robert E. Speer

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June 26th, 1900.

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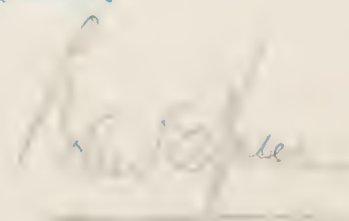
Coreys, Franklin Co., N. Y.

My dear Tom:

I think that prayer should be one of two things. Either it should be just such careful, reverent prayer as one finds in the Prayer Book, or it should be the genuine, reverent loving outpouring of heart and mind toward God, in sincerity and in intelligent expression of the needs and longings of the people. I can imagine that a minister might write out his long prayer beforehand, but it would have to be done on his knees with his whole soul wrapped up in it, and such a man would need to be in much personal prayer in order to be kept from the peril of merely repeating such a memorized prayer without any glow of soul. I think the right way is for one to think prayerfully beforehand of what he ought, as the mouthpiece of the congregation, to ask God for, to thank Him for, to tell Him in behalf of the congregation, - to lead the people's hearts upward and Godward. Then he must forget himself and must forget that the people are listening to him, and must pray to God.

I don't know whether this will help you very much, but I think these are the things where one cannot help another very much, - where each must seek his own light and guidance from God. The necessary thing is sincerity and love, and a real longing to speak with God and to help the people to speak with Him.

Very cordially yours,



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December 30th, 1909.

Mr. L.B. Gurley,
c/o Mrs. McMillan,
39 West End Park Street,
Glasgow, SCOTLAND.

My dear Tom:

It was a great pleasure to receive, the day before Christmas, your letter, and to learn something of your life in Glasgow. I can imagine how much you are enjoying it, especially such men as Dr. Denny and Dr. Smith. Somebody told me that Dr. Smith was going to Aberdeen as head of the University. I can imagine that you will feel that to be a great loss to Edinburgh.

I expect to sail Wednesday, the 5th, and to begin my lectures in Edinburgh on Sunday evening, January 16th, and in Glasgow on Tuesday afternoon, January 18th, and shall look forward with great pleasure to seeing you then.

With warm regard, I am

Your sincere friend,

Robert G. Peck

Dictated Dec. 28th.

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December 19, 1954

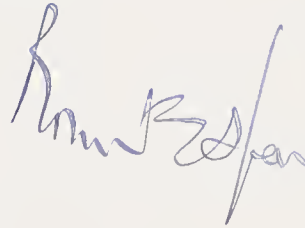
Rev. M. B. Gurley
301 West School Lane,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Tom:

It was a great pleasure to get your card and its loving Christmas Greeting and I wish you all joy both at the Christmas season and through all the coming year. May God's rich blessing be with you ever more and more and fill all the days with His strength and peace.

We have learned great new lessons in the Christian life these last three months, especially the lesson of walking by faith and not by sight, which is the oldest of all lessons, and also the peace of living moment by moment and trusting the immeasurable love of God, even in the midst of a world of forces which fight against His will. There is a refuge from these however, in Him and in the certainty of His presence.

Ever affectionately yours,



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March 17th, 1910.

Mr. M. B. Gurley,
United Free Church Theological College,
Glasgow, Scotland.

My dear Tom,

*stuff
follows*

I got home safely Monday of last week. We had a very rough time the first half of the voyage, but it was delightful the latter off. The storms delayed us, however, and we were further kept by the necessity of spending an afternoon in taking off the crew of a sinking Russian ship; so that we did not get to New York until a day late. I was glad to be home again, as you can well believe, and have been busy ever since trying to read up the accumulated correspondence and to gather up the dropped threads. I look back with great pleasure on the six weeks in Scotland and to all the happy hours with you. It made it much more homelike to see you and have the little talks together that we had.

I hope the rest of the year may be fruitful and happy for you, and thanking you again for all your kindness, I am,

Ever your friend,

Dictated March 16th.

Robert Lee

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April 19, 1934
(Dict. Apr. 18)

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The Rev. Melville B. Gurley,
301 West School Lane,
Germantown, Pennsylvania.

My dear Tom:

I was glad to get your note enclosing John Magee's letter which I am returning herewith. John is a dear fellow whom I have known ever since he was a boy in the Hotchkiss School. He has done a rich and blessed work in China. I am glad to know about his plans and shall write him a farewell note.

Ever affectionately yours,

Robert E. Speer
c.

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December 10, 1931

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Rev. M. B. Gurley,
5515 Germantown Avenue,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Tom,

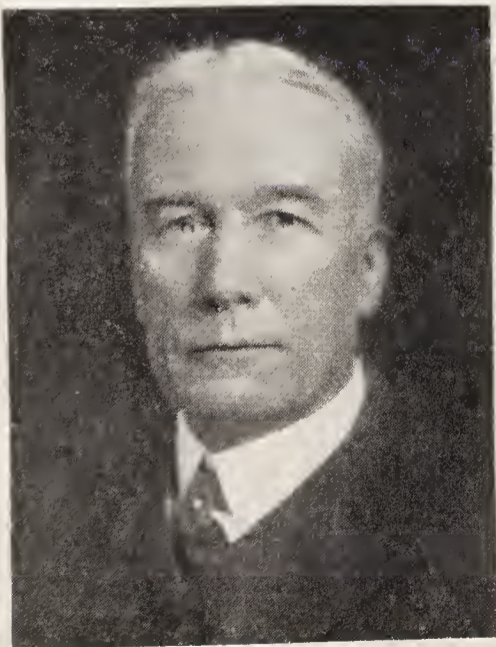
I am very much obliged indeed for your good letter with its warm and loving words and its kind reference to the two addresses of the Social Union and the Executive Committee of the Federal Council. I know there was truth in each of them, but I wish I could put it more clearly and strongly and especially more persuasively than I do. It is a comfort to have such words as yours about one's effort to speak the truth and to show forth the amazing wonder of God's Grace and God's Son.

With best wishes always,

Ever affectionately yours,

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Handwritten signature



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March 5th, 1908.

Mr. M.S. Gurley,
700 Park Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Tom:

I was very much interested in your note of February 24th, but somewhat confused by it, also, as I had not been at Amherst at the time indicated. My only visit to Amherst this year occurred last Sunday, and the remark to which you refer was alleged to have been made by me at Amherst a month before. I suspect that I have been mixed up with somebody else.

On the general subject, however, of the necessity of a faith ^{in the} and a deity of Christ, I have the firmest convictions. I see no reason why a man should not be a minister in the Unitarian Church without this faith, but how an honest man can be a minister in one of the evangelical churches and deny the deity of Christ, I cannot understand. I enclose a copy of an address which will give you my position in part, - but only in part.

Have you read Simpson's "Fact of Christ,"

Young's "Christ of History,"

Gore's "Incarnation of the Son of God,"

Bushnell's "Character of Jesus,"

Forrest's "The Authority of Christ," and "The Christ of History and of Experience."

Lidden's "The Divinity of Our Lord."

These are a few of the books I think you ought to read. It seems to me that this thing is central. Men have got to attach a thought valuation to Christ. As thinking men they cannot refrain from doing so. Did He make the claims that He is alleged to have made? If not, is the picture of Him imaginary?

Mr. Gurley - 2.

If it is, whose was the supernatural mind that invented it? If we deny the miracle of Christ, we are forced to explain the miracle of His invention.

If, on the other hand, He did make the claims which He is alleged to have made, are they true or are they not? Nobody can avoid asking these questions.

You cannot have a Christian spirit without accounting for it; without describing it; without a thought as to what it includes and what it precludes, - where it originated, what its sanctions are, how much it means, and how it is to be created in others.

No, I make ample room for many shades of view in the Christian ministry, but no room for the man who denies Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Saviour of the world and the redeemer of the lost, and I do not believe in juggling with these terms.

Ever your friend,

R. H. Speer

Dictated March 4th.

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May 9, 1935

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Rev M. B. Gurley,
301 West School Lane,
Germantown, Pa.

My dear Tom:

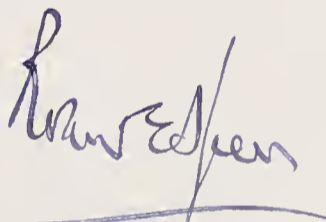
It was a great pleasure to get your letter of May 2nd with its warm-hearted reference to the address at the Chambers Wiley Church on April 30th. I am very glad if the meeting did good and no harm, but I fear that neither that meeting nor anything else will avail to heal the breach in our Church. There is nothing for us to do but to stand patient and true and steadfast so that when the breach does come the guilt of it in the sight of God may not rest on us.

There is the one other thing that we can do, and are doing constantly namely, pray for ourselves as well as for others that all blindness may be taken from our eyes and for our dear Church that she may be kept in the unity and the truth and the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am glad to hear of your own plans. I wish I could be at the service in the Church of the Good Shepherd a week from today. May God's rich blessing be on you always and be sure whenever you are in New York not to fail to drop in.

Ever affectionately yours,

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Oct. 25th, 1911.

The Rev. M. B. Gurley,
Pottstown, Pa.

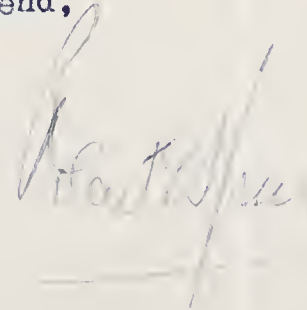
My dear Tom,

Your note of the 23rd is just received. Dr. Frame's address is
J. Davidson Frame, M.D., Resht, Persia, via Berlin and Baku.

I was not at the Christian Endeavor Convention in Atlantic City, so
that I could not bring any echoes from it to your young people's society
meeting, and I don't know whether I ought, on principle, to take on a fourth
address for the day or not. I have been trying to make four addresses a
day recently, and it is getting to be a little too much to keep up steadily.
If there is any important end to be served, of course, I am ready to make
five or fifteen, but I have less and less appetite for making addresses
just for the sake of making it easier for the leader of a meeting or some
committee which ought to work out a program themselves. If you think
there is something really serviceable that could be done and young people
touched who won't come to any other meeting, I shall be glad to speak at
the service before the church address.

I hope that everything is going well, and with much love, I am,

Ever your friend,



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April 2, 1936

Rev. Melville B. Gurley,
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Philadelphia, Penna.

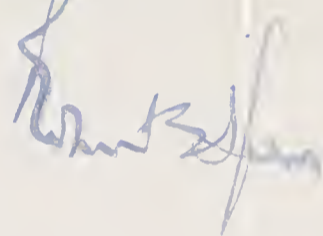
My dear Tom:

It was a pleasure to get your letter of March 31st and to hear of your settlement as Curate in The Church of the Saviour.

I trust that God's blessing may be with you richly and that you may have unclouded happiness and joy in your new ministry.

Be sure to come in whenever you are over here.

Ever affectionately yours,



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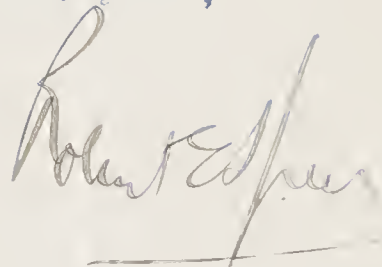
The Rev. H.B. Gurley
Pottstown, Pa.

My dear Tom:

Your note of yesterday is just received. I understand that there is no Y.M.C.A. Meeting Sunday afternoon, so that if speaking for you in the evening does not conflict with any plans of Mrs. John's or Mr. Rolfe's for me, I shall be glad to do so.

Mrs. Speer will appreciate your message with reference to her mother. She was a good woman, who knew her Saviour and her Bible and the hearts of the people round about her.

Ever affectionately yours,



Dictated April 17th.

Your letter letter is at hand. I am glad Mr. Lee can take
both services